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**CASE:** OST-031162  
**SERIAL NO.:** 10/690,231  
**FILED ON:** October 21, 2003  
**FOR:** DEVICE FOR SUCKING OFF  
SPECIFIED SURFACE AREAS  
OF POWDER-COATED  
VEHICLE WHEELS

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| DE 195 20 498 A1          | December 5, 1996        | The cleaning system uses a cleaning device displaced across the surface to be cleaned, with the spray coating particles released by neutralizing their electrostatic charge using ions discharged into the air adjacent the cleaned surface via an HV ionization device. Preferably, the particles are removed after electrostatic charge neutralization via a suction air stream provided by a suction device moved across the cleaned surface in parallel with the ionization device. |

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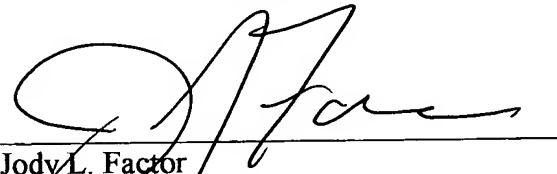
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The removal process involves conducting local cleaning at a point at which hard processing residue is found. The same applies to the removal of solid, liquid or paste-form processing residue in the form of grinding or polishing dust. Joining processes are only done after the local removal of the surface coating or oxide layer.

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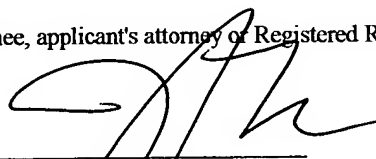
  
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